

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

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TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF LEAF BLOWERS IN THE WOOLSEY FIRE BURN AREA

The Woolsey Fire destroyed hundreds of homes and devastated thousands of residents in our County from Westlake Village to Malibu. The County Health Officer determined the need for careful handling and disposal of fire ash and debris in order to minimize exposure and potential harm to residents and workers. The Health Officer further determined that any action that disturbs fire ash and dust in the burn area can create local air pollution that may cause respiratory irritation to nearby residents and workers. As fire victims begin the cleanup and recovery process, the County has received multiple reports of localized air pollution created by the use of leaf blowers in the burn area. In response, the Health Officer has recommended that steps be taken to temporarily prohibit the use of leaf blowers in the burn area.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, in order to minimize further health impacts to fire victims and the general public, I move that the County temporarily prohibit the use of leaf blowers within the impacted burn area, and further

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move that the Health Officer, in consultation with other appropriate County Departments, determine when conditions warrant a removal of this temporary prohibition and inform the Board.

S: AA/Temporary Prohibition on use of the Leaf Blowers in the Woolsey Fire Burn Area